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CountyMPO**
Metropolitan Planning
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NEWSLETTER OF THE DOVER/KENT COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Where We've Been....

The MPO Council:

Mayor Robin R. Christiansen
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City of Dover

Michael J. Petit de Mange
Vice Chairman
(for President Brooks Banta)
Kent County Levy Court

Mayor Anthony Moyer, City of
Harrington
(for Kent County municipalities)

John Sisson, for the
Delaware Transit Corporation

Drew Boyce, for Sec. Jennifer Cohan
Delaware Department of
Transportation

Terry Pepper, Homeland Security (for
Governor John Carney)

MPO Staff:

Executive Director: Reed Macmillan
Principal Planner: Jim Galvin
Public Outreach: Helen Wiles
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NEW STAFF ANNOUNCED AT MPO

Your MPO is growing! We have hired a replacement for Kate Layton, and a GIS Planner.

Helen Wiles is taking over the Public Outreach office. She comes from a diverse and comprehensive background that includes media relations, press, publicity, marketing, outreach, and real estate. She is also a published author. She is very excited to be here, and looks forward to working with the public and the PAC on behalf of the MPO.



Helen Wiles

Mike Ward will start as GIS Planner officially on July 2nd. He's a retired Planning Supervisor from Kent County with over 35 years of experience. He is very proficient in all things technology based, and he has won awards for mapping and design. He is being reunited with former supervisor Reed Macmillan and he couldn't be happier about that. In fact, the only one that is not happy Mike will be coming to the office every day is his puppy Ember.



Mike Ward

Feel free to stop by the office or give our new folks a call to welcome them!

PAC ANNUAL WORKSHOP WAS A HIT



**An Artist's rendering of the
new Natural Gas Refueling
Station at Chesapeake
Utilities**

Everyone who came to Dover Downs for the Public Advisory Committee's Annual Workshop left feeling educated, inspired, and full! The buffet was delicious and the company was even better. The speaker, Shane Breakie of Chesapeake Utilities, discussed natural gas vehicles. Everyone was fascinated by the presentation. A lively discussion and distribution of gifts to our PAC members ended the evening on a great note.



Shane Breakie

Check out our new format!

We will now be distributing a more compact, easier to read newsletter every month.

Upcoming Meeting Notices:

The Wednesday July 11th MPO Council Meeting has been cancelled due to lack of action items.

August 9th—PAC Meeting 6pm
Kent County Administrative Building

August 14—TAC Meeting 10am
Camden Town Hall Building

Where We Are Heading...

Remodels, Reboots, and Revisions

With the addition of Ward and Wiles to our staff, look for a new website to be unveiled soon complete with interactive mapping and informational videos. We are also revamping our newsletter (as you can see), and our brochure. We look forward to your feedback on the changes.



Planning Conference in Rehoboth Beach

Planners and those interested in planning from across the region will be gathering in October for Planning 360°, a major conference. The two day event scheduled for October 23 and 24 is organized by the Delaware Chapter of the American Planning Association. This is a wonderful opportunity for networking and educational enrichment. Interested conference participants should visit delaware-apa.wordpress.com soon to learn more and register!



APA Delaware
2018 Regional Conference

Amendments to the TIP Are Imminent

We will be publishing some changes to the TIP in regards to the Legislature's passing of the bond bill. Please keep an eye out for these changes and be prepared to offer any feedback.

Our Office will be closed on July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day.

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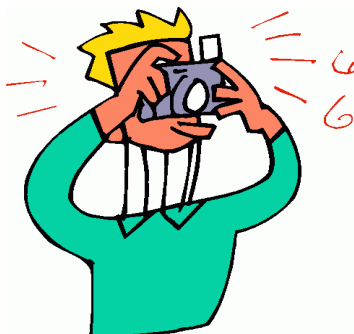
The West Street Trail
Ribbon Cutting!



Helen
chatting
with the
Mayor!

**We would
love to see you
on this page!**

Post your pics on
Social Media and tag
us #DoverKentMPO!



Erlene George congratulates Jean
Dowding, CDCC 5 Star Ambassador
Member at the Business Sunset Mixer.
The MPO was there and had a great
time!